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## EX-SHERIFF WEBBER A SUICIDE

### THE DREADFUL ACT OCCURRED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Mr. Webber Had For a Long While Been a Great Sufferer, and Had This Week Expressed a Determination to End His Sufferings by Death—He Was Prominent in Republican Politics in Roanoke County.

Salem, August 7.—(Special).—Hon. C. M. Webber committed suicide here this afternoon at about 3 o'clock. Mr. Webber had been left alone at his house for a short time, when the neighbors heard the report of a pistol. A little boy of Daniel Preston ran down to the corner of the Allen block, near by, and called Policeman Johnson. Mr. Johnson entered the house and found Mr. Webber dead in his bed. He was still holding his pistol in one hand, the barrel resting between the thumb and forefinger of the other hand. The pistol had been placed far back in his mouth and discharged, so that the ball passed upward through the brain, causing instant death.

Relatives living in Salem were notified and a telephone message sent to his son, Frank Webber, an employee of The Roanoke Times. Coroner J. H. Camper was summoned, but decided that it was a clear case of suicide and no inquest was necessary.

The deceased had been under the influence of opium a great deal recently and it is supposed was under their influence at the time of his suicide.

The funeral will take place at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and the interment will be in East Hill Cemetery with services at the grave.

Mr. Webber was born in Augusta county in 1840 and was therefore in the 57th year of his age. When he was six years old his family moved to Greenbrier county, in what is now West Virginia, and it was here that as a boy he learned the printer's trade. He became known as one of the fastest types in Virginia, after running races with other fast types and never being beaten. The civil war breaking out Mr. Webber enlisted in the Confederate army and left his native town with the first company organized there.

The company was commanded by Capt. Robert Deris and formed a part of the famous Stonewall brigade at the first battle of Manassas. Mr. Webber was severely wounded in the side. It was just before Jackson's famous bayonet charge when his brigade were lying flat on the ground in order to allow the near approach of the Federals before the charge.

During the third year of the war Mr. Webber was in Salem for a short time and was married to Miss Mollie Whitesell, of this place. He had not left the army, however, but served during the entire war, surrendering at Appomattox. The war being over Mr. Webber settled down in Salem and established the first newspaper ever published in Roanoke county, the paper being called the Roanoke Times. He remained in the newspaper business until 1883, during that time being connected with several different journals. In the latter year he sold out to his brother, Frank G. Webber, and Charles Denit, and the two papers then published in Salem were consolidated into the present Times-Register, edited by Denit & Webber.

Mr. Webber served for a number of years as justice of the peace in the county and in 1875 was elected to the house of delegates to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Blair. In 1878 Mr. Webber was elected sergeant-at-arms of the Virginia senate and served in that capacity for two years. For eight years after that he served as sheriff of the county, and in all his public offices discharged his duties fearlessly and well. For several years before his death he had owned and conducted a drug store on West Main street. For about a year he had been an invalid and had seldom been able to leave his house. This morning he was seen on the street about six o'clock, being wheeled about in a chair. Mr. Webber, in the early part of his life, was a Democrat, but afterwards became a Readjuster and then a Republican. He had expressed his desire, however, recently to vote for Bryan and Sewall this fall.

### ABILENE CONVENTION ADJOURNS.

Abilene, Kas., August 7.—The Populist convention adjourned sine die at 5 o'clock this morning after a continuous session which began at 8 o'clock last night. During the night session the following nominations were accomplished: L. C. Boyle, attorney general; W. F. Rush, secretary of State; D. N. Heffner, treasurer; W. H. Norris, auditor; W. D. Stryker, superintendent of public education. It has been a session of tiresome talk and it was after 3 o'clock when the last nomination was made and the selection of a chairman of the State central committee was taken up. There was a big fight on the reelection of a chairman and the question was left for the State central committee to decide.

### FILLING THE AGREEMENT.

Kansas City, Aug. 7.—A special to the Star from Hutchinson, Kas., says: A dozen men representing the remnants of the Kansas State Democratic convention assembled at 6:30 o'clock this morning to perform the formal duty of nominating the State ticket selected at the Populist convention at Abilene. When the names were read from a telegram, they were taken down by the secretary and at once declared the nominees of the Democrats without discussion or remarks. Thus was the Democratic part of the fusion fully carried out.

The United States Government reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

## THE WEEK'S BUSINESS.

Exports Have Increased and Imports Decreased.

New York, August 7.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade, which issues to-morrow, will say: The sensational collapse of speculators at Chicago who controlled the Diamond Match and New York Biscuit stocks and had hoisted them to fancy prices, with the consequent closing of the Chicago stock exchange for a period yet indefinite, though followed by remarkably few failures, brings a sudden change in monetary conditions throughout the country.

At least a month earlier than had been expected Chicago has drawn heavily upon Illinois bank balances here, and withdrawals of other western funds may naturally result. Europe was also moved to sell American stocks rather freely, so that the average of sixty most active railroad stocks fell about \$2 18. The instant co-operation of money interests with Chicago to restrict disturbances deserved praise and did much good, but it was impossible to avoid some shock to public confidence, and a quick tightening of eastern money markets, which already shuts off commercial loans almost entirely. The collapse also increased the caution of bankers and other lenders regarding loans on securities of a similar character.

In five weeks the increase of exports has been \$1,800,000 or 16 per cent. and the decrease of imports \$9,200,000 or 18 per cent., which helps to balance accounts. The movement of wheat is again large, Atlantic exports being 1,761,033 bushels for the week, flour included, against 753,330 last year, and since July 1st 8,558,704 bushels against 4,728,919 last year. Conflicting crop reports are as numerous and noisy as ever, but the more reliable mark up winter wheat to 300,000,000 bushels and the movement tends to sustain such estimates.

The situation as to cotton is doubtless critical for many producers. Extremely hot and dry weather has done serious harm, but it must, indeed, be an extraordinary condition that reduces the yield 20 per cent. in August. Men of much knowledge and experience but a few days ago judged a yield of 10,000,000 bales probable, and if they were 1,000,000 bales too high, still those who now predict only 7,000,000 bales are likely to err in the opposite direction.

With large acreage it is always safe to remember that only a part of the crop is ever affected by misfortune between August 1 and frost. The price rose almost beyond precedent, 3/4 per cent. on Wednesday alone, and the alarm will at least be of service to planters in giving them better prices whether buyers realize any profits or not.

Labor is more disturbed than usual. The great strike of garment workers here has much extended; the strike at Cleveland has broken out again and involves several other branches of labor; the iron furnace men of the Shenandoah valley resist a reduction of the wages of May, 1895, though Mahoning valley workers do not; the iron works throughout the country are striving to cut down in order to keep in operation.

Curtailed production in cottons does not bring a stronger market, and a few quotations are reduced.

Failures for the week have been 240 in the United States against 225 last year, and 32 in Canada against 43 last year.

### A CONSPIRACY.

Western Railroads Combine to Charge High Rates to Farmers.

Chicago, August 7.—President Stickney, of the Chicago and Great Western railroad, when called for by the Interstate commerce commission to-day, substantiated the report of a strong pooling arrangement among the roads west of Chicago. He said that he had refused to become a party to it or turn over the surplus traffic for the benefit of the combine, and he charged the railroads in the pool with instigating the present inquiry for the purpose of proving him guilty of cutting rates as a penalty for his refusal to join the association.

Chairman Morrison said if there was such a conspiracy he knew nothing about it, but that he was very anxious to learn of any such trap and of the details of the pool. Mr. Stickney said that the pool officers had impudently, bullied and threatened him in order to get his road into the deal. He said that the pool method of fixing rates made anarchists, for the reason that high rates were charged the farmers and low secret out rates given the rich grain merchants.

In the course of his evidence Mr. Stickney grew quite eloquent and his testimony was sensational throughout. He promised to produce every bit of documentary evidence in his possession that would throw light on the pool, but said it would take weeks to collect it. The commission ordered that it be forwarded to Washington.

### A NEW RECORD.

New York, August 7.—The American line steamer St. Louis, which arrived this afternoon, broke the Southampton-New York record, making the passage in six days, two hours and twenty four minutes, thus eclipsing the brilliant record made by her sister steamship, the St. Paul, last June of six days, five hours and thirty-two minutes.

### HE HAS RESIGNED.

Berlin, August 7.—The Neuesten Nachrichten announces that Prince Hohenlohe, the imperial chancellor, has resigned and that he has left Berlin for Kassel. It is added that further changes are impending in the ministry of finance.

### WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, Aug. 7.—The following are the bank clearings for the principal cities of the United States for the week ending Friday, August 7, as compared with the corresponding week last year, showing increase or decrease: \$911,997,784, decrease 6 s.

The nicest and most refreshing summer drinks are to be had at Catogni's.

## GEORGIA POPULISTS ADJOURN

### SEABORN WRIGHT NOMINATED FOR GOVERNOR.

General Gambrell Was Ineligible on Account of Not Having Resided Long Enough in the State—The Platform Endorses the St. Louis Platform and Declares Against Barrooms.

Atlanta, Ga., August 7.—The delegates to the Populist State convention having perfected the organization yesterday and listened to Thomas E. Watson's address last night, settled promptly down to business at this morning's session. The discovery that Gen. J. B. Gambrell was ineligible for the governorship on account of his not having resided in the State long enough, having removed him from the field, the sentiment this morning crystallized in favor of the Hon. Seaborn Wright, of Rome.

When the chairman declared the convention ready to undertake the nomination of a candidate for governor Mr. Wright was placed in nomination by Judge J. K. Hines. No other name was presented and Wright was nominated by acclamation.

The nominee is a young man of high standing and famous throughout the State as a fiery and eloquent orator. He is possessed of large means and is expected to make an active and aggressive canvass of the State.

The ticket was completed by the nomination of Dr. J. A. Parsons, of Milton, for secretary of State; Seaborn Bell, of Burke, for comptroller general; Donald J. Clark, of Chatham, for attorney general; W. C. Sibley, of Augusta, for treasurer; and W. E. Smith, of Decatur, for commissioner of agriculture.

The platform endorses the St. Louis platform; declares against barrooms; calls for the abolition of the present convict system; demands the improving and extending of the public school system; condemns the acceptance of passes and telegraph blanks by State officials; condemns lynchings; demands the election of all public officers by the people; denounces the present fee system and favors a continuance of pensions to Confederate soldiers and their widows. The barroom plank, the most important feature of the platform, is as follows:

"Civilization, to say nothing of religion, has entered up judgment of condemnation against barrooms. The public conscience revolts at the license system, which fosters the saloon and generates its manifold evils in consideration of revenue that pays less than a tithe of the public burdens it entails. It is non-American, monopolistic and essentially immoral. We therefore declare for an anti-barroom law which shall make secure the local prohibition already obtained, abolish the sale of intoxicating liquors and provide for the sale for other purposes under public control."

The convention fulfilled the prediction as to its action on the national ticket made by Thomas E. Watson in his address last night by unanimously adopting a resolution presented by the platform committee authorizing the State executive committee at any time that Arthur Sewall should be withdrawn from the Democratic ticket to withdraw six Populist electors and place six Democrats in their stead. This done, the convention adjourned sine die.

### A FATAL FIRE.

Swift's Packing Plant at Kansas City Was Destroyed.

Kansas City, Mo., August 7.—One man was killed outright, two were perhaps fatally injured and five others sustained more or less serious injury in a fire which started in Swift's packing plant at midnight last night and burned until late this morning. The property loss is nearly \$100,000.

Dead: Joseph H. Oblowitz, night watchman. Injured: Harvey Bidleman, hoseman, fell from third story to the ground, will probably die; Stephen Reynolds, watchman, face and hands terribly burned, may die; Harry Cressy, watchman, overcome by smoke and scorched; A. D. Forsing, head watchman, head cut and hands burned; A. T. Barclay, watchman, badly burned and hurt by explosion; John Joss, watchman, badly burned and hurt by explosion; Joseph Dwyer, fireman, leg badly wrenched.

### GROVER DENIES THE RUMOR.

New York, August 7.—In answer to an inquiry as to the truth of a report published in this city yesterday that President Cleveland had made known his disapproval of the proposed third ticket project, the President telegraphs as follows to the Evening Post:

"Buzard's Bay, Mass., Aug. 6. "It is absolutely untrue that I have given any advice touching the course of the Indianapolis conference."

### FOUR TRAMPS KILLED.

Marengo, Ia., August 7.—A freight train ran off the track near here this morning on the Des Moines railroad and a number of cars were badly wrecked, besides some other damage. Four tramps who were stealing a ride were killed. There was no other loss of life.

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## TURNING THE TABLES.

Chicago Printers Will Demand Gold From the Goldites.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—A Bryan club has been formed among the union printers in Chicago and at a meeting held yesterday in the rooms of the county central committee, the following was adopted:

"Whereas certain well-known business firms and corporations are resorting to questionable, if not wholly illegal, methods to further debase the credit money of the United States by offering Mexican silver dollars to workmen who are employees of said corporations and to the customers of said business firms; and

"Whereas said Mexican dollars are not a legal tender in the payment of debts, either public or private, and are therefore not even credit or token money, and consequently are of no more value to the citizen of the United States than so much uncoined bullion; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we advise workingmen in all branches of industry to refrain from patronizing any firm or corporation that attempts in any way by the use of the Mexican dollar, or the money of any other third or fourth rate nation, to cast discredit on the credit money of the United States; and be it

"Resolved, That we advise workingmen to demand of all corporations and business men who claim gold as the only proper, lawful and honest dollar to act in accordance with their professions of faith and pay their employees their wages in gold. If the silver dollar is not an honest dollar it is therefore not good enough for the man who works for wages."

"We therefore recommend that all labor organizations be requested to have their wages paid them in that kind of money which the bankers and the bondholders and money lenders say to be the only honest dollar—the gold dollar."

### CONFAB OF THE KICKERS.

Indianapolis Chosen as the Place For the Convention.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 7.—The provisional national committee of those Democrats not endorsing the recent Chicago platform met here to-day.

The committee was called to order at 3 p. m. by Congressman Bynum, of Indiana. He announced that General Bragg and Senator Palmer were delayed by washouts. The meeting was open to visiting Democrats as well as to the members of the committee and the assembly room, which will hold about fifty persons, was packed.

A call of States showed thirty-five States represented, Joseph Bryan, of Richmond, answering for Virginia.

The secretary read the resolutions adopted at the conference held in Chicago July 23 by ten Middle Western States, the object of which was to arrange for the holding of another Democratic national convention, at which an independent gold ticket should be named.

J. H. Outhwaite moved that a committee of five should at once be appointed whose duty it should be to select a time and place for the convention. There was loud cheering over this motion. Delegate Martin seconded this motion and it was passed unanimously.

The chairman then appointed the committee as follows: James H. Outhwaite, Ohio; Charles Tracy, New York; J. H. Falkner, Alabama; E. J. W. M. Cutcheon, Minnesota; and L. C. Krauthaff, Missouri.

The States were then called for the location of the convention. Col. L. D. Lawler presented the name of Minneapolis, followed by John L. Griffiths for Indianapolis. H. M. Davis presented the claims of Louisville. The ballot resulted: Indianapolis 19, Minneapolis 6, Louisville 2. The five members of the sub-committee were out preparing their report and three others did not vote.

At the night session Gen. John M. Palmer, of Illinois, was elected chairman of the national committee, and the committee issued a long address to the Democrats of the United States, calling upon the party to put a third ticket in the field.

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### A YOUNG SUICIDE.

He Followed the Example Set Him by His Father.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 7.—For several days persons passing the cottage house at the corner of Ann street and Armstrong avenue have noticed a strong odor of gas. The house was apparently untenanted as the family of Mr. Gregory, who occupied it, was known to be away.

This morning the police made an investigation and in the basement of the house the body of John H. Gregory, 19 years old, was found. Young Gregory had been out of work for some time and was last seen on Saturday. It is believed from the condition of the body that the young man must have committed suicide at about that time.

Three years ago his father, John H. Gregory, for many years connected with the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company, committed suicide in the same manner and in the same place.

### HE FINALLY GOT THERE.

La Grange, Tex., August 7.—James H. Shelburne, of Austin county, was yesterday nominated on the 37th ballot by the Tenth district Democratic Congressional convention to succeed Hon. Miles C. Crowley, of Galveston. Shelburne was a gold standard man before the convention, but he accepted the free silver platform adopted Tuesday.

## MR. BRYAN ON THE WAY EAST

### HE IS GIVEN A FINE SEND-OFF AT LINCOLN.

In Ordinary Times He Would Have Desired the Notification Made at His Home, But He Says This is an Extraordinary Campaign and He Wants the Cause Presented in the Enemy's Country.

Lincoln, Neb., August 7.—The Bryan trip through the East was inaugurated at 3 o'clock this afternoon under decidedly favorable conditions and auspices. It was a day of torrid temperature, but long before the time of the departure of the Bryan party the Rock Island depot platform was crowded, and when the carriage containing Mr. and Mrs. Bryan drove up a round of cheers went up from over 1,000 throats.

Most of the crowd were successful in reaching Mr. Bryan's hands before he boarded the train. After Mr. and Mrs. Bryan had entered the car there was a request for them to appear upon the rear platform, which they did. As Mr. Bryan appeared the hand-shaking was renewed, and in response to continued calls for a speech Mr. Bryan said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: In ordinary times I would have desired to have the notification take place at my home. But this is not an ordinary campaign, and I felt that the cause should arise above any personal desires we might have, and therefore I expressed the wish to be notified in New York in order that our cause might be presented first in the heart of what now seems to be the enemy's country, but which we hope to be our country before this campaign is over. (Great applause and cheering.)"

"I appreciate the kindness which my neighbors have shown, and all that I can promise you is that whether what I do meets with your approval or not I shall do my duty as I see it and accept all consequences which may follow." (Enthusiastic cheering and applause.)

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan were allotted the drawing room of the Pullman coach, every section of which was occupied. As the train drew away from the station thousands of fluttering handkerchiefs waved a parting adieu.

The first stop was at Murdock, Neb., a small way station, where a crowd of about fifty men and boys were at the depot. Mr. Bryan stood upon the rear platform and waved a greeting at them. The train stopped but a moment at South Bend, where a dozen men conversed with Mr. Bryan through the car window, informing him that most of the party were silver Republicans.

At Albright, about fifty people were assembled. About twenty men boarded the train to accompany the party to Omaha and it appeared as if Mr. Bryan knew everyone of them personally.

### A BRITISH VICTORY.

Seven Hundred Englishmen Defeated Over 5,000 Matabele Warriors.

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Cape Town, August 6.—Details have been received here of the decisive victory won on Wednesday by the 700 British troops composing Col. Plumer's column over a native force estimated to have numbered from 5,000 to 7,000 men. The latter fought most desperately and bravely, charging up within a few yards of the British rapid fire guns.

About 500 of the Matabele warriors were slain during the engagement, which lasted several hours, and the loss of the British included Major Kershaw, Lieutenant Hervey, four sergeants and about thirty men killed, and six officers, several non-commissioned officers and about fifty men wounded, according to unofficial figures.

### ANOTHER BANK CLOSURE.

Lansing, Mich., August 7.—The Ingham County Savings Bank did not open its doors for business this morning. The assets are \$285,000, mostly in notes and mortgages, and deposits are \$144,000. Cashier May stated that he had not the slightest doubt of the ability of the bank to pay its depositors in full. The closing of the institution was decided upon at a meeting of the directors last night and was caused by the continued withdrawals of deposits and the inability to make quick collections.

### USURIOUS INTEREST.

Montreal, Quebec, August 7.—The St. Hyacinth chamber of commerce has passed a resolution expressing its approval of the action of the banks in that district in charging a discount of 10 per cent. on all American money. It has also issued a warning to merchants, farmers and the public generally not to accept American money upon any consideration.

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